

The First District's very own Stetson Bennett finished the night with 304 yards and 6 touchdowns. He was also named the offensive MVP.

I personally congratulate Nolan Smith, Micah Morris, Warren McClendon, Jack Podlesny, Darris Smith, and all of our other First District players.

Congratulations to the 2023 national champions, the Georgia Bulldogs. Go Dawgs.

#### COMPLIMENTING STEVE HARTMAN

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to compliment Steve Hartman of CBS News on his recent broadcast centered on the kindness of everyday Americans.

Practicing kindness in our daily lives is a central part of what makes America strong. Kindness plays an integral role in building family and community life and is a bedrock of civil society.

Hartman's CBS News series "Kindness 101" shares stories of compassion, friendship, and everyday acts of kindness.

One story is about a woman in Minneapolis offering free haircuts to the homeless. Another is about my fellow Ohioans contributing to a young girl's visual bucket list before she loses her eyesight. These stories teach us lessons about the unending compassion of the American people.

Both inspirational and honorable, these stories also serve as a reminder to Americans. Each of us hold the power to make positive impacts on the lives of others in our workplaces and community.

Congratulations to Steve for reminding us just how impactful everyday acts of kindness are on strengthening the United States of America.

#### CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, the population ought to be aware of the fact that very late in the last month the administration released the new figures on what we will call legal immigrants crossing into this country. This was before there were any changes in title 42, and a lot of the focus lately has been on title 42.

We had another all-time record in November with 210,000 people crossing the border and staying here. This is a national scandal. Just making a brief appearance at the border shouldn't get Joe Biden off the hook. 210,000. By comparison, a year ago, it was 140,000. Two years ago it was under 25,000. When you are going under 25,000 to 210,000, that should be the headline in every paper of the country, and I don't care wheth-

er you release the numbers late in the day on a Friday or not.

I hope this institution does all we can to pick up the mantle that President Biden has dropped and do something about the massive increase in illegal immigration.

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#### READY TO GET TO WORK

(Ms. SCHOLTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I believe this Congress has a chance to do what is right.

I am an unflinching optimist, and I believe that we can come together to make our communities safer and more just for all.

As the first woman and mother in history to represent my district in Congress, and as an attorney that has worked for our Nation's top law enforcement agency, keeping our communities safe is a top priority of mine because violence, of all kinds, takes a massive toll on the people we represent.

Just 2 years ago, a friend of mine, Romito Jones, was shot and killed in our neighborhood on the southeast side of Grand Rapids. He was a father of five and a friend to my family.

Just last month, a recently elected member of the Muskegon Heights school board, Julius Muhammad, was shot and killed in his home. He was a dad and a public servant. He was loved and admired by his community.

Today I honor their lives as I strive for safer communities for all.

We must come together to enact commonsense reforms to keep our neighborhoods safe, support our law enforcement, and support fair and equitable enforcement of the law.

I am ready to get to work, and I invite all of my colleagues to join me.

#### CONGRATULATING THE TCU HORNED FROGS

(Ms. GRANGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Texas Congressional District 12's very own TCU Horned Frogs on a memorable college football season.

Even though last night's result was not the one we were hoping for, the Horned Frogs proved to be the ultimate underdog story of the year.

TCU was the smallest college or university to ever play a national championship in the modern era. They have shown great resolve and resiliency this year, which has inspired people across the Nation.

I congratulate Coach Sonny Dykes, quarterback Max Duggan, and all the staff and players on a tremendous sea-

son. The whole Fort Worth community is incredibly proud of TCU's accomplishments.

It is a privilege to represent Texas Christian University in Congress, and it was a pleasure to cheer on the team all season. Go Frogs.

#### PASSING IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the incredible people of Oakland County, Michigan, and Michigan's 11th District, let it be known that the very first action of the new Republican majority was to add \$100 billion to our national debt, to aid the ultra-wealthy and the non-tax paying corporations, to add to our deficit at the expense of the middle class.

We saw this before, Mr. Speaker. In fact, we have seen this time and time again: threats to the fiscal integrity of our Nation, ballooning of our debt, and the Democrats come in time and time again to clean it up.

Since being sworn into Congress, my office has helped more than a thousand constituents navigate IRS-related issues, illustrating the ongoing and vital need for adequate funding for this Nation, helping people who are seeking a tax return, helping the small business owners.

The most rewarding call you can make as a Member of Congress: Have I helped you today?

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, we must unite, we must continue to come together, and we must continue to deliver for the people who elected us.

#### INTRODUCING NEW LEGISLATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, all of us are concerned about the bullying of Communist China. I hope as we move forward, this committee that has been voted on will emphasize the bullying, but it will not emphasize the negativism that occurred during COVID with "Kung Flu" and dealing with the intimidation and the increase of Asian hatred and violence.

That is why some of us were concerned enough not to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, let me also say that in addition to wanting us to do better, I am excited about introducing the Battle Buddy Check legislation that has our veterans check on each other, just as if they are on the battlefield, to stop the rise of veteran suicide.

Have a battle buddy. This legislation is hopefully to save lives of our soldiers who are now veterans who have done all that they could for America.

Mr. Speaker, I am excited about the introduction of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Congressional Gold Medal.